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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN JOSE DIVISION

James Alan Bush,	)	Case No.: C 08-01354 (RS) JF
)	
Plaintiff,)	
	)	MOTION FOR INJUNCTIVE AND MONETARY
v.	)	RELIEF AGAINST DEFENDANT KATHY
	)	BICKEL ON PETITION AND OTHER
United States Attorney General,	)	PAPERS WITHOUT EVIDENTIARY HEARING
et al.,	)	OR ORAL ARGUMENT
)	
Defendants.)	
_____	)	Judge Jeremy Fogel

1 Plaintiff, James Alan Bush, and petitioner in the above-titled
2 cause, moves the court, in connection with the complaint filed on March
3 10th, 2008, in this matter, to consider the petitioner's request for
4 mandatory injunctive relief and the award of damages based on the
5 memoranda, affidavit, and exhibits of the petitioner without evidentiary
6 hearing, and without oral argument, unless such is desired by the
7 court. Petitioner respectfully urges the court to set a date for
8 respondent to file her answer. The court is urged to set a further
9 date later for respondent to file her affidavits and memorandum, with a
10 subsequent date for petitioner to file, if necessary, a reply memorandum.

11 In support of this motion, petitioner submits the following:

- 12 1. The matters involved are subject to prompt consideration by the
13 court.
- 14 2. The court must only satisfy itself that the petitioner has
15 reasonable cause to believe that the property he lawfully
16 possesses has been unlawfully converted for the use of the
17 respondent.

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19 **PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

20 This is a petition by Plaintiff, James Alan Bush, against,
21 Defendant, Kathy Bickel, for conversion of property, and seeks to
22 recover damages, pursuant to Civ. Code §§ 3336-3338, and to recover
23 the reasonable value of the property converted, pursuant to Civ. Code
24 § 3336; or, in the alternative, to recover the property itself, pursuant
25 to Civ. Code § 3379; Code Civ. Proc. §§ 511.010-516.050 (claim and
26 delivery).

1 Defendant Bickel is required to return wrongfully acquired property,
2 even in the absence of any demand made by the owner for the return of
3 wrongfully acquired property, pursuant to Civ. Code §§ 1712 and 1713.
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5 **MOTION FOR INJUNCTIVE AND MONETARY RELIEF**

6 Plaintiff complains and for this cause of action for conversion of
7 property alleges as follows:

8 1. Plaintiff was a resident of the City of Sunnyvale, County of Santa
9 Clara, State of California, residing at 1220 Tasman Drive SPC #379;
10 and, Plaintiff now is a resident of the City of San Jose, County of
11 Santa Clara, State of California, residing at 1745 De Marietta Avenue
12 Apartment #3.

13 2. Defendant, Kathy Bickel, now is, and at all times relevant to this
14 action was, a resident of the City of Greenwood, County of Johnson,
15 State of Indiana, residing at 1256 Blakely Drive.

16 3. At all times herein mentioned, Plaintiff was, and still is, entitled
17 to the possession of the following property:

- 18 • Apple Powermac G4 (Part Number M8841LL/A) (Serial Number
19 XB3110ARN1Y)

20 The purchase receipt is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and made
21 a part hereof.

- 22 • 1 GB DDR 333 PC2700 SO-DIMM (Part Number M9594G/A)

23 The purchase receipt is attached hereto as Exhibit "B" and made
24 a part hereof.

- 25 • DVDs, containing audio recordings and electronic documents
26 intended to be submitted as evidence in a pending civil matter

1 • A hand-held digital recorder, which contained audio recordings
2 intended to be submitted as evidence in a pending civil matter

3 4. On or about August 15th, 2006, the above-mentioned property had a
4 combined value of \$3,500.

5 5. On or about August 15th, 2006, Defendant Bickel took the above-
6 mentioned property from Plaintiff's possession and converted the
7 same to her own use.

8 6. On or about October 15th, 2006, Plaintiff demanded the immediate
9 return of the above-mentioned property; but, Defendant Bickel
10 failed and refused, and continues to fail and refuse, to return the
11 property to Plaintiff.

12 7. Between the time of Defendant's conversion of the above-mentioned
13 property to his own use and the filing of this action, Plaintiff
14 expended the following time and money in pursuit of the converted
15 property, all to Plaintiff's further damage in the sum of \$1,500.

16 8. Defendant's act of failing to return personal property of Plaintiff
17 is an act of willful interference with that property, done without
18 lawful justification, by which Plaintiff, the person entitled to the
19 property, is deprived of its use and possession, and constitutes an
20 act of conversion.

21 8. The aforementioned act of the Defendant was willful, wanton,
22 malicious, and oppressive, was undertaken with the intent to
23 retaliate with the exercise of Plaintiff's legal right to file a
24 lawsuit against her for the acts alleged therein, and justify the
25 awarding of exemplary and punitive damages in the amount of \$5,000.
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PRAYER FOR RELIEF

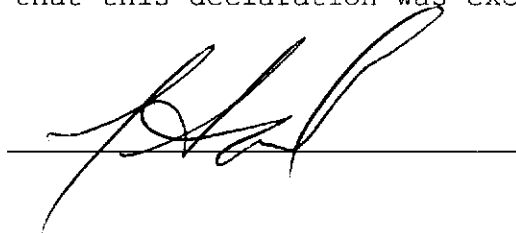
WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays judgment against the Defendant, as follows:

- An injunction ordering the return of the property described herein, pursuant to Civ. Code § 3379 and Code Civ. Proc. §§ 511.010-516.050;
- For the value of the property converted in the sum of \$3,399;
- For interest at the legal rate on the foregoing sum pursuant to Civ. Code § 3336, from and after August 15th, 2006;
- For damages for time and money properly expended in pursuit of the converted property in the sum of \$1,500;
- For punitive and exemplary damages in the sum of \$5,000; and,
- For such other and further relief as the court may deem proper, including damages for the proximate and foreseeable loss resulting from Defendant's conversion.

VERIFICATION

I, James Alan Bush, Plaintiff in the above-entitled action, have read the foregoing and know the contents thereof. The same is true of my own knowledge, except as to those matters that are therein alleged on information and belief; and, as to those matters, I believe it to be true.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed at San Jose, California.

Petitioner: Dated: 4-25-08

PROPOSED ORDER GRANTING INJUNCTION

The motion of plaintiff, James Alan Bush, for injunctive relief and the award of damages was heard before the undersigned judge on [date], pursuant to a duly noticed motion filed by the plaintiff on April 25th, 2008. The court having considered the documentary evidence introduced by the plaintiff, and it appearing to this court that great or irreparable injury will be suffered unless such an order be issued.

IT IS ORDERED that Defendant, Kathy Bickel, do the following:

- Return the property described herein, pursuant to Civ. Code § 3379 and Code Civ. Proc. §§ 511.010-516.050; or,
- Pay to the plaintiff the value of the property converted in the sum of \$3,500; and,
- Pay to the plaintiff for interest at the legal rate on the foregoing sum pursuant to Civ. Code § 3336, from and after August 15th, 2006;
- Pay to the plaintiff for damages for time and money properly expended in pursuit of the converted property in the sum of \$1,500; and,
- Pay to the plaintiff for punitive and exemplary damages in the sum of \$5,000.

Judge: _____

Dated: _____

Clerk: _____

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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James Alan Bush,)	Case No.: C 08-01354 (RS) JF
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Plaintiff,)	
)	PETITIONER'S MEMORANDUM OF POINTS
v.)	AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF
	)	MOTION FOR INJUNCTIVE AND MONETARY
United States Attorney General,	)	RELIEF AGAINST DEFENDANT KATHY
et al.,	)	BICKEL
)	
Defendants.)	
_____	)	Judge Jeremy Fogel

RELEVANT STATUTORY SCHEME

Conversion of property is governed under California law as follows:

- Civ. Code §§ 3336-3338 governs damages recoverable for conversion of property.
- Code Civ. Proc. § 338(c) governs the time period in which action for conversion must be brought.
- Civ. Code §§ 1712 and 1713 set forth the requirement that a person return wrongfully acquired property and provide that the owner need not make any demand for the return of wrongfully acquired property in order to bring an action for conversion.
- Civ. Code § 3379 and Code Civ. Proc. §§ 511.010-516.050 entitles Plaintiff to bring an action for claim and delivery to recover the property itself.

CASE LAW

1. DEFENDANT'S ACT OF FAILING TO RETURN PERSONAL PROPERTY OF PLAINTIFF IS AN ACT OF WILLFUL INTERFERENCE WITH THAT PROPERTY, DONE WITHOUT LAWFUL JUSTIFICATION, BY WHICH PLAINTIFF, THE PERSON ENTITLED TO THE PROPERTY, IS DEPRIVED OF ITS USE AND POSSESSION, AND CONSTITUTES AN ACT OF CONVERSION.

A. **Conversion Defined.** Conversion is any act of willful interference with the personal property of another, or any act of dominion exerted over another's personal property, done without legal justification, depriving that person entitled to the property of its use and possession (see *de Vries v. Brumback* (1960) 53 Cal. 2d 643, 647, 2 Cal. Rptr. 764, 349, P.2d 532; *Weiss v. Marcus*

(1975) 51 Cal. App. 3d 590, 599, 124 Cal. Rptr. 297).

B. Necessary Allegations. In order to state a cause of action for conversion, the plaintiff must allege first, his or her ownership or right to possession of tangible property at the time of the conversion; second, the defendant's conversion of the property; and, third, damages (Franklin v. Municipal Court (1972) 26 Cal. App. 3d 884, 902, 103 Cal. Rptr. 354).

C. General Allegations of Wrongful Conversion Sufficient. A general allegation that defendant converted property to his or her own use is sufficient to state a good cause of action in the absence of a demurrer for uncertainty (see Haigler v. Donnelly (1941) 18 Cal. 2d 674, 681, 117 P.2d 331; Lowe v. Ozmun (1902) 137 Cal. 257, 260, 70 P. 87; Franklin v. Municipal Court (1972) 26 Cal. App. 3d 884, 902, 103 Cal. Rptr. 354).

2. PROPERTY CONVERTED BY DEFENDANT WAS THE PERSONAL PROPERTY OF PLAINTIFF CONSISTING OF ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT VALUED AT \$3,399 AND THEREFORE WAS PROPERTY SUBJECT TO CONVERSION.

A. Personal Property, Tangible or Intangible, Can Be Subject to Conversion. Every species of personal property, both tangible and intangible and capable of being identified, can be subject to conversion (Payne v. Elliot (1880) 54 Cal. 339, 340-342).

3. PLAINTIFF IS OWNER AND HAS RIGHT TO IMMEDIATE POSSESSION OF THE PROPERTY CONVERTED AND THEREFORE HAS SUFFICIENT INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY TO MAINTAIN AN ACTION FOR CONVERSION.

A. Plaintiff Owned or Had Right to Immediate Possession of Property Converted. In order to state a cause of action for conversion,

1 the plaintiff must allege his or her ownership or right to
2 possession of the property in question at the time of the
3 alleged conversion (Franklin v. Municipal Court (1972) 26 Cal.
4 App. 3d 884, 902, 103 Cal. Rptr. 354).

5 **B. Plaintiff With Right to Immediate Possession Need Not Be in**
6 **Actual Possession at Time of Conversion.** A plaintiff who has the
7 right to immediate possession of the property at the time of
8 the alleged conversion need not be in actual possession of the
9 property at the time to maintain an action for conversion (see
10 Franklin v. Municipal Court (1972) 26 Cal. App. 3d 884, 901-902,
11 103 Cal. Rptr. 354).

12 3. THE PROPER MEASURE OF DAMAGES IN AN ACTION FOR CONVERSION OF
13 PERSONAL PROPERTY IS THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTY AT THE TIME OF THE
14 CONVERSION, PLUS INTEREST FROM THE TIME OF CONVERSION, OR AN AMOUNT
15 SUFFICIENT TO INDEMNIFY PLAINTIFF FOR THE NATURAL, REASONABLE,
16 AND PROXIMATE RESULT OF THE WRONGFUL ACT COMPLAINED OF, AND WHICH
17 A PROPER DEGREE OF PRUDENCE ON HIS OR HER PART WOULD NOT HAVE
18 AVERTED.

19 **A. Measure of Damages for Conversion.** The detriment caused by the
20 wrongful conversion of personal property is presumed to be
21 the value of the property at the time of the conversion, plus
22 interest from the time of conversion, or an amount sufficient to
23 indemnify the party for the natural, reasonable, and proximate
24 result of the wrongful act complained of, and which a proper
25 degree of prudence on his or her part would not have averted
26 (see Civ. Code § 3336).

1 failure to issue the injunction than the harm that would befall
2 the defendant if the injunction is issued [O'Connell v. Superior
3 Court (2006) 141 Cal. App. 4th 1452, 1467-1468, 47 Cal. Rptr. 3d 147;
4 Teamsters Local 856 v. Priceless, LLC (2003) 112 Cal. App. 4th 1500,
5 1509-1510, 5 Cal. Rptr. 3d 847; White v. Davis (2002) 98 Cal. App. 4th
6 969, 981, 121 Cal. Rptr. 2d 51].

7 Plaintiff is likely to succeed on the merits of his action because
8 the defendant's action clearly violates California Penal Code §
9 484(a). Moreover, it is inconceivable that the defendant could
10 articulate any legally justifiable excuse for her actions. Since
11 plaintiff will surely succeed on his claim of a violation of
12 California Penal Code § 484(a), he is likely to succeed on his Civ.
13 Code § 3336 cause of action.

- 14 2. AN INJUNCTION IS NECESSARY TO PREVENT CONTINUING AND IRREPARABLE
15 INJURY TO PLAINTIFF AND THE BALANCE OF HARDSHIPS FAVORS PLAINTIFF.
16 The continuing harm to the plaintiff, if an injunction does not
17 issue, is irreparable, in that he will continue to be deprived
18 of the use of his property. An injunction may be granted when it
19 appears by the verified petition and affidavits that the continuance
20 of some act during the litigation would produce irreparable injury
21 to a party in the action [Code Civ. Proc. § 526(a)(2)]. An order
22 granting an injunction is not fatally flawed because it contains
23 no explicit finding that the injunction is necessary to prevent
24 irreparable injury [Conover v. Hall (1974) 11 Cal. 3d 842, 850, 114
25 Cal. Rptr. 642, 523 P. 2d 682].
26 Under the "irreparable injury" standard, an injunction may issue

1 to prevent wrongs of repeated and continuing character ones that
 2 cause damages estimable only by conjecture and not by any accurate
 3 standard [Huong Que, Inc. v. Luu, 150 Cal. App. 4th 400, 417-418, 58
 4 Cal. Rptr. 3d 527; People ex rel. Gow v. Mitchell Brothers' Santa Ana
 5 Theater (1981) 118 Cal. App. 3d 863, 870-871, 173 Cal. Rptr. 476; Wind
 6 v. Herbert (1960) 186 Cal. App. 2d 276, 285, 8 Cal. Rptr. 817].

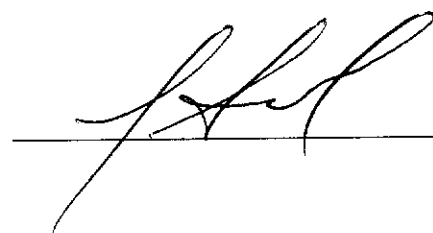
7 By comparison, no harm will befall the defendant as a result of
 8 the proposed injunction. Thus, the balance of any hardships to be
 9 considered weighs substantially in favor of the plaintiff and the
 10 issuance of an injunction.

11 3. AN INJUNCTION IS NECESSARY TO AVOID MULTIPLICITY OF SUITS.

12 An injunction will issue when necessary to prevent a multiplicity of
 13 judicial proceedings [Code Civ. Proc. § 526(a)(6)]; particularly, in
 14 cases in which many claims that have not been adjudicated have been
 15 brought into equity to be the subject of a single trial and decree
 16 [Verdier v. Verdier (1962) 203 Cal. App. 2d 724, 735, 22 Cal. Rptr.
 17 93].

18
 19 **CONCLUSION**

20 For the reasons stated above, the motion of the plaintiff for a
 21 mandatory injunction compelling the surrender of Plaintiff's property,
 22 which he lawfully possess, against the defendant should be granted.

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 24 Petitioner: 

Dated: 4-25-08

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)	AGAINST DEFENDANT KATHY BICKEL
United States Attorney General,)	
et al.,)	
)	Judge Jeremy Fogel
Defendants.)	
)	

AFFIDAVIT

I, Long Thang Cao, being first duly sworn, deposes and declare as follows:

1. I make this declaration in support of motion for injunctive and monetary relief made by Plaintiff, James Alan Bush, against Defendant, Kathy Bickel.
2. The facts and allegations made in the aforementioned motion are a matter of my personal knowledge. I would be competent to testify to their truth if I were called as a witness.

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

JURAT

State of California

County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on

this _____ day of _____, 20____,

by _____

personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of
satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) who appeared before me.

Signature _____

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Plaintiff,)	
)	REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE IN
v.)	SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFF'S PETITION
	)	FOR INJUNCTIVE AND MONETARY RELIEF
United States Attorney General,	)	AGAINST DEFENDANT KATHY BICKEL
et al.,)	
	)	Judge Jeremy Fogel
Defendants.)	
_____)	

Plaintiff hereby requests the Court take Judicial Notice pursuant to
Federal Rule of Evidence 201 of the following exhibits:

1. Exhibit "A", Purchase Receipt for Apple Powermac G4 minitower; and,
2. Exhibit "B", Purchase Receipt for 1 GB RAM SO-DIMM.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

EXHIBIT A

Purchase Receipt for
Apple Powermac G4 minitower

Receipt



PLEASE RETAIN THIS DOCUMENT FOR YOUR RECORDS.

DATE: March 22, 2008
CUSTOMER:
ADDRESS:
PHONE:
E-MAIL:

Valley Fair
 2855 Stevens Creek Boulevard, Suite 1025
 Santa Clara, CA 95050
 408 551-2150
valleyfair@apple.com
<http://store.apple.com/valleyfair>

RECEIPT ID:



PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	WARRANTY*	RETURN DATE	SUPPORT CONTACT	QTY	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
Powermac G4 1.42Ghz DP/512/120G/Superdri - Part Number M8841LL/A - Serial Number XB3110ARN1Y	Effective through Mar. 21, 2004	Apr. 01, 2003 \$269.95 fee if opened	FOR SUPPORT, VISIT APPLE.COM/SUPPORT	1	\$2,699.00	\$2,699.00
						Sub-Total \$2,699.00
						Tax @8.25% \$222.67
						Total \$2,921.67
Payment Method: Visa (A)				5782	051398	\$2,921.67
						Total Tender \$2,921.67
						Change Due \$0.00


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EXHIBIT B
Purchase Receipt for
1 GB RAM SO-DIMM

Receipt




Palo Alto

451 University Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94301

650 617 9000
paloalto@apple.com
www.apple.com/retail

Date July 04, 2004

Customer
Address
Phone
Email

Receipt ID 
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Product Description	Warranty	Return Date	Support Contact	Qty	Unit Price	Total
1GB DDR 333 PC2700 50-DIMM - Part Number M9594G/A	Effective through Jul. 04, 2005	Jul. 18, 2004 No Open Box Returns Accepted	APPLECARE SUPPORT 1-800-APL-CARE	1	\$700.00	\$700.00
sub-total						\$700.00
tax @8.25%						\$57.75
total						\$757.75
Payment Method Visa (A)				\$782	055560	\$757.75
Total Tender						\$757.75
Change Due						\$0.00

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